



agriculture

civilization



A society with highly developed culture, legal, political, social, and religious systems.

The practice of growing crops and raising animals for food, fiber, or other uses by humans.



crop

crop yield



The amount of a crop produced in a specific period.

A type of plant, or the seasonal production of plants, grown by humans for food, animal feed, or fiber.



domestication

drought



A long time with little or no precipitation.

The process of taming wild animals
and growing wild plants to live and
reproduce in ways that are useful
for humans.



evaporation

fertile (land)



Land with nutrient-rich soils that produce abundant plant growth.

The process by which a liquid changes to a gas.



flood

import



(verb) To bring a product from another country or place. (noun) A product brought from another country or place.

The overflow of water onto dry land.



irrigation

leach



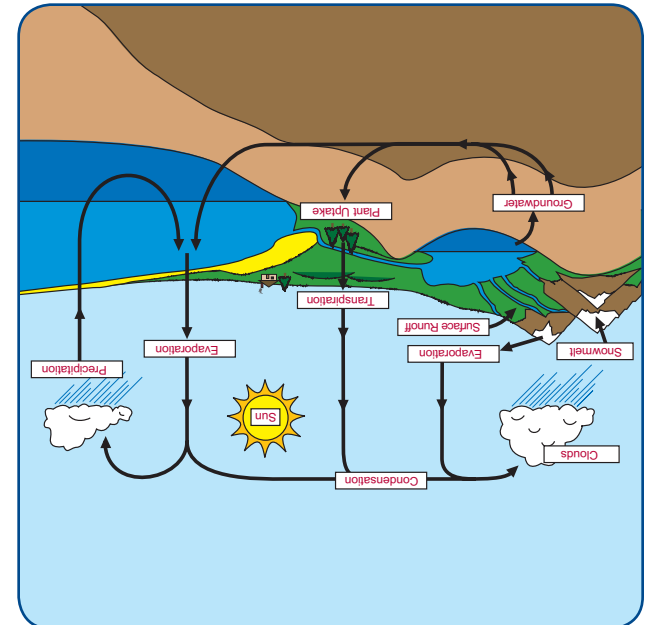
To dissolve something from a material by passing water through it, such as salt from soil.

A system that provides water to land through pipes, artificial channels, or other methods.



midden

natural cycle



A regularly repeated event, or sequence of events, that occur in a natural system over time, such as the water cycle.

An ancient waste pile with historical or archaeological value.



population

salinization



The buildup of mineral salts in soil that, in excess, can become toxic to plant life.

The number of individuals of a species living in a place at a given time.



salts

surplus



The amount of goods above the amount needed to meet one's own needs.

Crystallized mineral compounds, such as sodium chloride (NaCl).



sustain

To support something, such as
soil providing nutrients for the
growth of plants.